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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of :  
Raymond G. Gallagher : PATENT APPLICATION  
Serial No. 09/399,545 : Group Art Unit: 3635  
Filed: September 20, 1999 : Examiner: Y. Horton  
For: SPACER FRAME FOR AN INSULATING : Atty. Docket No. 1185R1  
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Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

Notice of Abandonment in the above application mailed July 31, 2001, ("Notice") was received on August 2, 2001. The Notice advised applicant that the application was abandoned because of applicant's failure to timely file a paper reply to the Office letter mailed on December 6, 2000.

The undersigned reviewed the file of the above application and did not find any Office letter in the file mailed December 6, 2000. The undersigned discussed this matter with his secretary and the clerk in charge of placing Office letters in application files, and the conclusion reached by the undersigned is that no Office letter dated December 6, 2000, was received.

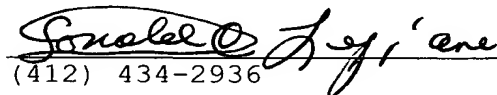
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	(Signature)
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The undersigned requests that a copy of the Office letter mailed on December 6, 2000, be sent to the addressee of record, that the application be reinstated, and that applicant be given at least one (1) calendar month in which to reply to the Office letter.

In the event there are any questions regarding the above, please call the undersigned at 412-434-2936.

Respectfully submitted,

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